

Points of Interest on this route (see map overleaf for locations)

- A Phillips House.** This is an early 19th Century Georgian mansion built of local Chilmark stone. Originally called Dinton House, it was built in 1816 by William Wyncham to designs by English Architect Sir Jeffrey Wyattville, who also worked on Windsor Castle. It is similar in style to Pythouse near Tisbury, where there are other visitor attractions. The house was purchased by Bertram Phillips in 1916 in 1943. As well as being owned by wealthy landowners of standing, the building has been used by the United States Army in WWII with Nissen huts across the park and as a Christian women's retreat. On the ridge behind the house on private ground is Wick Ball Camp, an Iron Age Hill-Fort. On a clear day, the spire of Salisbury Cathedral can be seen from the highest point on the estate.
- B Hyde's House.** Now a private residence but named after Edward Hyde born in Dinton in 1608 and baptised in the local church. Hyde was Lord Chancellor and first Earl of Clarendon. His daughter Anne married the future King James II and was mother to two English Monarchs Queen Mary II & Queen Anne.
- C The Hangings.** This is a traditional name for a wood growing on the side of a hill rather than anything sinister! The woodlands are spectacular in spring and summer when they are covered in carpets of snowdrops and bluebells.



- E Dinton Mill.** Probably dates from the 18th Century but there has been a Mill here since the 1200s. Milling was a dangerous operation centuries ago. In 1249, the Miller Thomas Cole was killed by an inner wheel of the Mill. The Mill ceased to grind corn early in the 20th Century. It is now an idyllic spot, good for kingfishers and brown trout. Spend a few moments relaxing and listening to the peaceful sounds of running water. The water meadows around Dinton Mill are now valuable wildlife habitat, but from the 17th Century onwards, they were allowed to flood to protect the grass from winter frosts, which gave improved yields of grass for grazing sheep and cattle.
- F Little Clarendon and Lawes Cottage.** Little Clarendon is a delightful 15th Century Tudor stone farmhouse once owned by George Engleheart in the early 1900s, known amongst horticulturists for the cultivation of new varieties of daffodils which he grew in the garden here. Many of the species he once cultivated, grow in the fields and woodlands behind the house. There is also a former Roman Catholic chapel in an outbuilding next to Little Clarendon built by the wife of George Engleheart. Next door, Lawes Cottage was believed to have been the home of Henry Lawes, an outstanding 17th Century composer. Both are now private residences.



- D The Church of St Edith.** This is dedicated to St Edith, the illegitimate daughter of King Edgar who died in 984. The earliest part is 14th Century. In the charming country churchyard you will find the war graves of Australian soldiers who died locally in WWI mostly from diseases like influenza, pneumonia and bronchitis.

A gentle walk filled with insights into the fascinating and varied history of these beautiful villages.

Start: The National Trust car park off St. Mary's Road in Dinton, next to St. Mary's Church. SP5 3HT. Ordnance Survey Explorer Series Map 130, Salisbury and Stonehenge. OS Grid Reference SU009315 | W3W: feuds.study.gathers.

Parking: The National Trust car park off St. Mary's Road, next to St. Mary's Church.

Terrain: Field and woodland footpaths and bridleways, quiet lanes and roadside footways in Dinton. One short uphill section through woodland. Some gates and stiles.

Length: Approximately 3.5 miles / 8 km.

Approximate time: 1.5 hours.

Dogs: Please keep on short lead if livestock is present.

Good to know: For a longer walk of 9.1 miles / 14.6 km, this walk can be combined with Walks 45a and 45b from Dinton to Teffont Evias, Fovant, Compton Chamberlayne, and Dinton Mill. Dinton is well served by the Salisbury Reds bus service: www.salisburyreds.co.uk.

Refreshments: The Wyndham Arms. Dinton Road, in Dinton.

The information is only intended as a general guide. Please check local arrangements.



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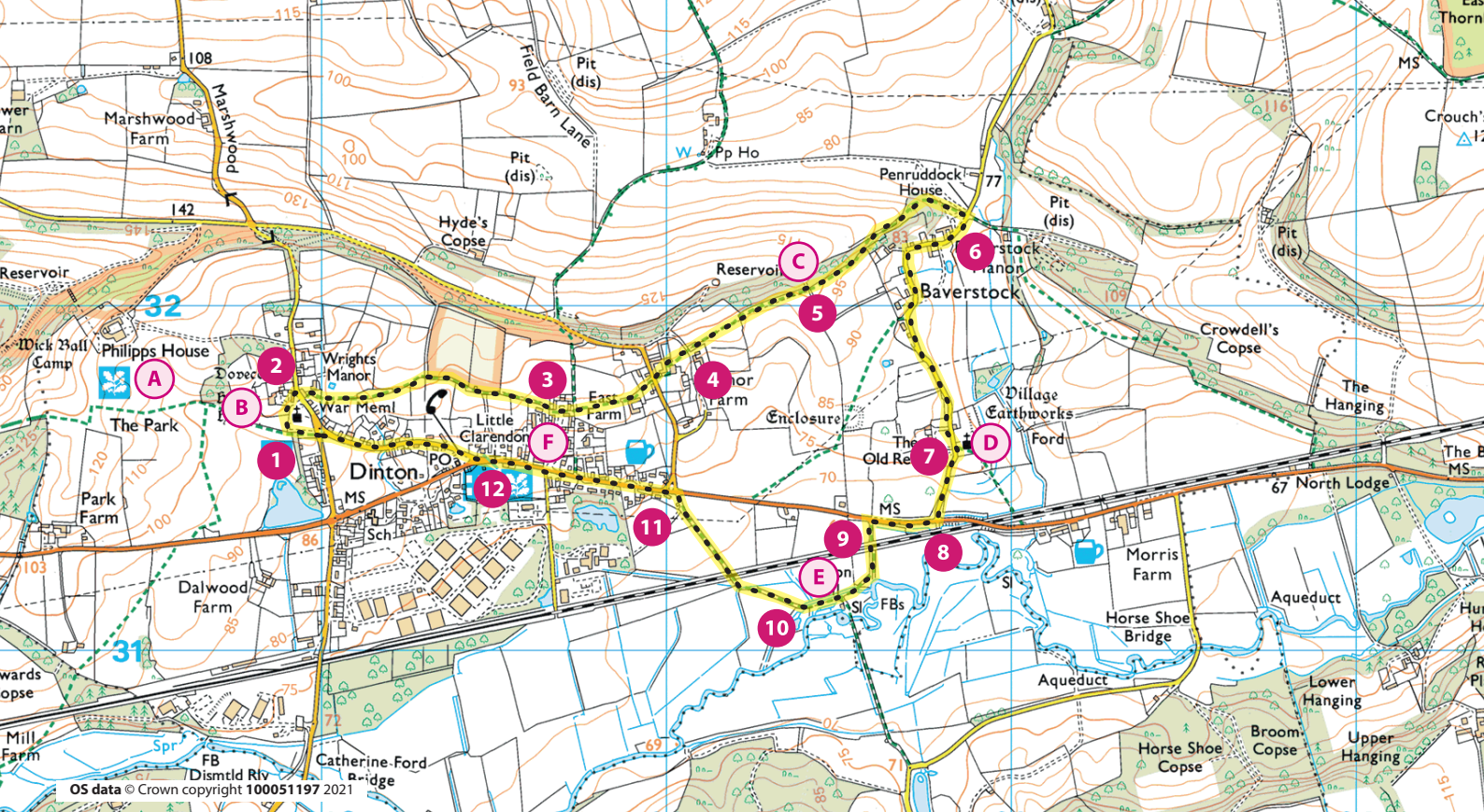


The Delights of Dinton and Baverstock

Royal Connections & World War II History

WALK #
W2





Directions

- 1 Take the path from the back corner of the National Trust car park next to St. Mary's Church, to go through a gate into Dinton Park. Turn right alongside the hedge and through the gate into the churchyard, following the path past the church on the right and Hyde's House on the left, to meet the road.
- 2 Go straight across the road onto a narrow footpath immediately to the right of The Small House then keep left along the edge of a field then through a gate in the top left corner into a tree-lined footpath leading past a small vineyard to the right. One of the younger sons, George, of the family that owned Dinton House, founded the Wyndham Estate Vineyard in Australia. Go through another gate and keep straight ahead, downhill along the tree-lined path, ignoring all paths to the left and right. Go through another gate and keep straight ahead along the edge of the field, past the first metal gate on the right, and go through the second metal gate in the field corner into the Spracklands housing estate.
- 3 Cross the road and take the narrow path immediately to the right of the bungalow, no. 34, keeping to the boundary wall. Go through the gate to cross the field, passing East Farm to the right of the path and on down the lane between thatched cottages to reach Sandhills Road.
- 4 Go straight across Sandhills Road and into the drive to Manor Farm. Cross the metal stile to the right of the gate, into the farmyard. Walk through the yard, past the stables to a stile into a field. Follow the path across the field to another stile, then along the edge of the next two fields, with a stile in between them, with the ancient woodland known as The Hangings on your left.
- 5 Where the path enters the woodland at the end of the fields, the public footpath continues straight ahead along the bottom edge of the wood to reach and pass farm buildings, emerging onto Baverstock Lane. This path becomes very overgrown particularly in summer, and can be avoided by turning left at the end of the field, uphill along a permissive footpath to the top of the wood and then

to the right inside the edge of the wood before curving to the right and dropping downhill to continue between a tree-lined bank on the right and a fence alongside a field on the left, along a short path onto Baverstock Lane.

- 6 Turn right along Baverstock Lane, all of the way through the village, to visit St. Edith's Church on the left, where stand the war graves of Australian soldiers who died locally in the First World War, mostly from diseases such as influenza, pneumonia and bronchitis.
- 7 Leave the churchyard and turn left along Baverstock Lane to meet the B3089 Hindon Road. Take care here, this is a busy road.
- 8 Turn right along Hindon Road and after 200 metres cross it to take a signposted footpath to the left, just before the driveway to a house, onto a signposted footpath through the trees that leads to the railway line.
- 9 Cross the railway line (ensuring it is safe to do so) then, follow the path alongside fields to the right, to a footbridge over the River Nadder. You will see Dinton Mill to the left.
- 10 Just over the footbridge the path meets the track to the mill. Turn right, away from the mill, following the track to and across the railway line (again ensuring that it is safe to do so). Continue along the path, along which a small stream may be running for part of the width, to meet the B3089 Hindon Road on the edge of Dinton.
- 11 Turn left along the roadside footway. You will pass the Wyndham Arms pub on the opposite site of the road. Unless you choose to visit the Wyndham Arms, do not cross the road until you reach the junction with Bratch Lane to the left and Spracklands to the right. Do cross the road here and continue along the footway of Dinton Road to the junction with Snows Hill to the right, where you will see the houses of Little Clarendon and Lawes Cottage next door to one another.
- 12 Bear to the right into and along Snows Hill to its end, opposite St. Mary's Church and the National Trust Car Park for Philipps House.